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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" The answer is there, Sir."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the Collector has taken previous care to see whether he has stopped the tasdiks of temples which do not require the appointment of a committee —temples which are managed by sole hereditary trustees?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Notice."

Petition for handing over charge of the Kanchi Kamakshamma temple, Vizianagaram City, to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 389 *Q.*—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a petition from Mr. Kasi Ramamurti, Vice-President, the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation, stating that as the Kanchi Kamakshamma temple at Bondada street, Vizianagaram City, Vizagapatam district, is at present in bad management, the Hindu Religious Endowments Board may take charge of the same; and

(*b*) the result of this complaint?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Extension of the Wakf Act to the Presidency of Madras.

* 390 *Q.*—Mr. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Wakf Act of 1923 (India Act XLII of 1923) has been extended to the Madras Presidency for the better management of Wakf properties of the Muslims;

(*b*) in how many districts have advisory committees been appointed;

(*c*) what the rules and regulations prescribed for their guidance are; and

(*d*) who the members of the various committees appointed are?

A.—(*a*) Yes; with effect from the 1st of January 1932.

(*b*) The Act does not contemplate the formation of any Advisory Committees.

(*c*) & (*d*) The question does not arise.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know what steps the Government propose to take in order to work the Wakf Act of 1923?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" The Government need not take any steps. The Act itself provides that those who are interested in the wakfs may move the Courts."